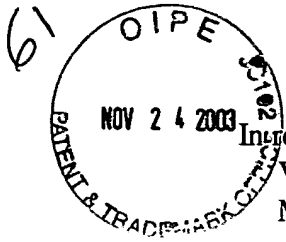


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Applicants hereby file this response to the Official Office Action mailed September 29, 2003.

Remarks

This transmittal is presented in response to the second office action and is believed to completely resolve each issue as raised by the examiner. Applicants believe the claims to be non-obvious and patentably distinct from all prior art.

OA Item #1: Claims Rejection under 35 USC § 112, 1st para - new matter:

The examiner has rejected claims 21 and 23 – 25 under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, arguing that the use of the phrase “edible fluent non-gaseous material” constitutes new matter. The applicants respectfully traverse the examiner’s rejection. The examiner has stated that “the specification only recites that the substances to be placed in a container are edible particulate candy material. The